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MARCH 28, 1806.

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Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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## A Bill,

Supplementary to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the district of Columbia."

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1 *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the*  
2 *United States of America, in congress assembled, That from and*  
3 *after the passage of this act, the muster of each legion, required*  
4 *to be held by the act to which this is a supplement, in each year,*  
5 *may be held in either of the months of October or November, as*  
6 *the commanding officer of the brigade may appoint.*

1 *Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the battalion courts of*  
2 *inquiry, mentioned in the eighth section of the said act, shall be*  
3 *held in the months only of July and November, in each year, and*  
4 *the legionary courts of inquiry mentioned in the said section, shall*  
5 *be respectively held in no less than ten, and not more than twenty*  
6 *days after each battalion court of inquiry: Provided however,*  
7 *That the commanding officer of each legion shall be, and is hereby*  
8 *empowered to appoint and convene, at such time or times as he*  
9 *may deem requisite, legionary courts extraordinary, to be consti-*

10 tuted in the same manner as the legionary courts of inquiry before  
 11 mentioned, and to exercise all or any of the powers, and perform  
 12 all or any of the duties, which are or may be by law vested in or  
 13 prescribed to the legionary courts of inquiry, except the power of  
 14 assessing fines incurred by the officers of the legion for any delin-  
 15 quency or neglect of duty, other than failing to attend such legion-  
 16 ary courts extraordinary.

1    Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all fines assessed and not  
 2 yet collected, or to be assessed under the authority of the act last  
 3 aforesaid, shall be certified by the clerk of the legionary and battalion  
 4 courts of inquiry, by which the same shall be, or have been assessed,  
 5 to the marshal of the district of Columbia, and for such as may here-  
 6 after be assessed, lists so certified shall be delivered to the marshal  
 7 within fifteen days after the sitting of the court, empowered finally  
 8 to determine, and he shall give a receipt therefor: the said mar-  
 9 shal shall forthwith proceed to collect the said fines (and should any  
 10 person fail to make payment when called on) to levy the amount  
 11 with costs, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the  
 12 delinquent, which costs and manner of proceeding shall be the  
 13 same as in other cases of distresses, and where there are no goods  
 -14 or chattels to be found, whereof to levy the said fines, the marshal  
 15 of the district shall commit such delinquent to jail, and hold him  
 16 in close confinement during the term of twenty-four hours for each  
 17 and every fine by him payable, (unless the same shall be sooner  
 18 paid) in the same manner as other persons condemned to fine and  
 19 imprisonment at the suit of the United States, may be committed.

20 And the marshal shall account for all the fines, and pay such as  
 21 have been by him levied, to the pay-master of the legion, from  
 22 which he shall have received the certified lists, within six months  
 23 after the said lists have been delivered to him respectively, deduct-  
 24 ing from the amount so to be paid six per centum, as a compensa-  
 25 tion for his trouble; and in case of failure, the same shall be re-  
 26 coverable by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, in the cir-  
 27 cuit court for the district of Columbia, in either county of said  
 28 district, to be sued for, prosecuted and recovered, in the name of  
 29 the pay-master of the legion from which the same had been certi-  
 30 fied, with interest and costs.

1   Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the eleventh  
 2 section of the act, to which this is a supplement, as requires that  
 3 there shall be a muster of each troop of cavalry and company of  
 4 militia, comprehending the companies made up by voluntary en-  
 5 rolment, in the months of July, August and November, and all  
 6 the twenty-second section of the said act, be and the same are  
 7 hereby repealed.

1   Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the secretary of war  
 2 shall cause a sufficient number of copies of this act to be printed  
 3 and distributed throughout the territory of Columbia, so that every  
 4 commissioned officer therein be furnished with one copy each.